APPENDIX

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Report on the
17TH SEMINAR ON THE ACQUISITION OF LATIN AMERICAN LIBRARY MATERIALS
Amherst, Mass., June 11-14, 1972

The 17th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) was held June 11-14 at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with over 150 participants in attendance for the conference and 50 additional registrants for a special workshop on the "Selection and Acquisition of Spanish and Portuguese Language Material for School and Public Libraries."

SALALM President Glenn Read, Cornell University, presided at the first general session on Monday afternoon, June 12.

Participants were welcomed to the University by Dr. Lewis Hanke, representing the University President, Dr. J. W. Lederle; by Dr. Robert Potash, Chairman of the University's Committee on Latin American Studies; Professor Harold Boudreau, Chairman of the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature; and Merle Boylan, University Librarian. Mrs. Pauline Collins, Latin American Bibliographer, University of Massachusetts, was the host representative.

The first session was devoted to reports of Committees of the SALALM Executive Board and a report of the Committee on Library Organization, Personnel, and Research. Donald F. Wisdom, Assistant Chief, Serial Division, Library of Congress, presided as moderator. Lee Williams, Yale University, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported that SALALM now had 175 personal members and 84 institutional members. Mayellan Bresie, Indiana University, Chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Secretariat, briefly described the new reporting procedures for the annual meeting adopted at the Midwinter meeting of SALALM. Mr. Wisdom also reported on the work of the Advisory Committee to the Latin American Cooperative Acquisition Program (LACAP). Mrs. Emma C. Simonson, Indiana University, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, introduced newly elected officers of SALALM: Vice President-President Elect, Mrs. Rosa Q. Mesa, University of Florida Libraries, and members of the Executive Board Mrs. Barbara H. Stein, Princeton University, and Marjorie Le Doux, Tulane University.

Eleanor Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee on Library Organization, described a questionnaire being circulated by the Committee to library schools in Latin America. William V. Jackson of Vanderbilt University gave a summary account of recent library association meetings in Latin America that he had attended.

Acquisitions and bibliographical developments were the principal topics of the second general session held Tuesday morning, June 13, at which Professor A. W. Bork, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, presided as moderator. David Zubatsky, Washington University, St. Louis, Chairman of the Committee on Acquisitions, presented the report of the Committee's activities during the year. Prominent among the Committee's recommendations were that SALALM establish a subcommittee composed of book dealers and librarians to explore means of improving trade bibliographies and related book dealer services (there were some 15 book dealers present at the conference). Mr. Zubatsky reported that the Committee was making arrangements for completion and editing of the *Basic List of Latin American Materials for New Collections.* Hersley Woodbridge, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, has agreed to serve as editor of the *Basic List.* Peter T. Johnson, University of Minnesota, presented the report on "Significant Acquisitions of Latin American Materials by U.S. and Canadian Libraries 1971/72."

Daniel Cordeiro, Kansas University, and Mrs. Margarita Anderson-Imbert, Harvard College, Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Committee on Bibliography, summarized the work of the Committee during the past year. Mr. Cordeiro reported his correspondence with Arthur Gropp (formerly of the Columbus Memorial Library) suggesting that the SALALM accept responsibility for issuing future supplements to the *Bibliography of Latin American Bibliographies, 1968.* Haydee Piedracueva, Columbia University, presented the *Report on Bibliographic Activities 1972* listing titles recently published and work in progress. Earl J. Pariseau, Acting Chief of the Latin American, Portuguese and Spanish Division, Library of Congress, announced that LC has recently published a third

edition of *Latin America, Spain and Portugal: An Annotated Bibliography of Paperback Books* and the second edition of the *National Directory of Latin Americanists.* Mr. Cordeiro reported that he had completed "A Listing of Newsletters Pertaining to Latin American, Spanish and Portuguese Studies in the United States" which is to be published in the *Latin American Research Review.* Prominent among bibliographic tools the Committee would like to see prepared is a bibliography of the book trade in Latin America.

"Education and Training of Librarians for Area Collections" was the special theme of the third general session on June 13 with Dr. William Jackson as moderator. The following papers had been prepared for this panel: "The Specialist Librarian in the Academic Research Library: The Role of the Area Studies Librarian" by Eldred R. Smith, University of California at Berkeley; "Latin American Library Studies: The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School of Library Science Program for the Training of Librarians for Latin American Collections" by Mary R. Brady, State University of New York, Buffalo, and Jane Garner, University of Texas; "The NDEA Institute in Spanish and Latin American Librarianship, June-August 1966, University of Illinois, Urbana; A Report and Evaluation" by Carl W. Deal, University of Illinois; "Education and Outreach" by Keith Revelle, Latin American Library, Oakland, Calif.; "Continuing Education for Area Librarians Through the Foreign Area Fellowship Program" by Ann Graham, University of Texas; "The Future of Area Bibliography Programs in U.S. Library Schools" by Beverly J. Brewster, University of Pittsburgh; and "Subject Specialists and Job Requirements: Notes, Comments and Opinions from an Administrative Viewpoint" by Hendrik Edelman, Cornell University. Participants in the panel discussion cited Robert D. Stueart's *The Area Specialist Bibliographer: An Inquiry Into His Role* (Scarecrow Press, 1972) as the most significant work in the field.

In addition to the formal general sessions, this year's SALALM reinstituted a series of workshops for discussion groups on matters relating to gifts and exchanges, government publications, the book trade, acquiring current serials from Latin America, a Latin American Acquisitions Clearinghouse, library service to Spanish and Portuguese speaking minorities in the United States, financial support for library service to area studies programs, and the problems associated with selection and acquisition of Latin American, and Spanish and Portuguese language materials in libraries that lack the services of an area specialist.

The final general session of 17th SALALM was held on Wednesday afternoon, June 14, at which Peter Johnson presided as moderator. Reports and recommendations of the above noted workshops were given and resolutions in support of projects and programs of interest to SALALM members were approved. Donald F. Wisdom, Library of Congress, President-elect for the 18th SALALM, announced that SALALM will meet in Trindad, April 29-May 2, 1973 with the Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago as the host representative.